GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS
LOK SABHA

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AWARD OF GQP TO FOREIGN FIRMS
NARESH KUMAR PUGLIA

Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the contracts awarded to some foreign firms for construction of Golden Quadrilateral Project on certain routes have been terminated;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the extent to which the work on the project of Golden Quadrilateral has been affected; and

(d) the alternative arrangements made in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (MAJOR GENERAL (R
B.C.KHANDURI)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. The Concession Agreement dated 17.2.1998 signed with the Concessionaire, M/s United Infrastructure Resources Pvt. Ltd. (promoted by a consortium of M/s Gayatri Project Pvt. Ltd., India, M/s Pembinaan Redzal Sendlrian Berhad, Malaysia and M/s HSS Integrated Sendlrian Berhad, Malaysia) for the construction of Nellore Bypass Project in Andhra Pradesh on Build, Operate and Transfer (BOT) basis has been terminated on 16.9.2001 as the Concessionaire failed to achieve the financial closure for the Project besides failure to subscribe and hold minimum equity share capital and failure to commence the work.

(c) The length of Nellore bypass is 17 Kms., which is affected by this termination.

(d) After termination of the above Concession Agreement, bids were invited for construction ofNellore bypass as a BOT (Annuity) Project and the agreement has been signed on 27.3.2002 with the Concessionaire M/s NYSE Infrastructure Pvt. Ltd. (promoted by a consortium of M/s Soma Enterprises, India and M/s Navayuga Engineering Co. Ltd., India)The Concessionaire has commenced the work and is making all efforts to complete the Project by 31.12.2003.